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Maybe Many Erred On That Briefing

Richard M. Nixon has brought out a little mystery which will puzzle many Americans. Perhaps he created another by choosing to do so now, in the midst of his pre-primary campaign for the Republican nomination for governor of California.

The former vice president in his new book complains about some of the Kennedy 1960 campaign remarks touching on Cuba. Nixon, the defeated Republican candidate in that race, assumed that Kennedy knew about the Central Intelligence Agency efforts to train Cuban refugees for an invasion of Cuba.

The White House says Kennedy was not told until after the election. Allen W. Dulles, former chief of the CIA, confirms this White House statement.

Nixon knew about the invasion plans, but didn't know that Kennedy was still in the dark about them. The public didn't know about the plans, but assumed that the two nominees had been briefed with equal thoroughness as a sensible modern precaution against leading a campaign parade into a mine field.

Apparently everybody was mistaken, including the officials who were supposed to see that this briefing was performed in a thorough and impartial manner.